

Assembly Bill No. 1284

CHAPTER 488

An act to amend Sections 7847 and 7887 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to geologists and geophysicists.

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AB 1284, Eng. Geologists and geophysicists.

Existing law, the Geologist and Geophysicist Act, provides for the registration and regulation of geologists and geophysicists by the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists. Existing law authorizes the board to issue a certificate of registration as a geologist or geophysicist, without written examination, to any person holding an equivalent certificate of registration as a geologist or geophysicist, issued by any state or country when the applicant's qualifications meet other specified requirements. Existing law requires each applicant for registration to pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount, up to \$300, equal to the actual cost to the board for the purchase of a national examination for geologists, including a supplemental California specific examination.

This bill would delete the exemption from the written examination for any person with an equivalent certificate of registration. The bill would also require each applicant for registration to pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount, up to \$450, equal to the actual cost to the board to administer the written examination.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7847 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7847. The board, upon application therefor, on its prescribed form, and upon the payment of the application and registration fees fixed by this chapter, which fees shall be retained by the board, may issue a certificate of registration as a geologist or as a geophysicist to a person holding an equivalent certificate of registration as a geologist or as a geophysicist, issued to him by any state or country when the applicant's qualifications meet the other requirements of this chapter and the rules established by the board.

SEC. 2. Section 7887 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7887. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be fixed by the board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The fee for filing each application for registration as a geologist or a geophysicist or certification as a specialty geologist or a specialty geophysicist and for administration of the examination at not more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

(b) The registration fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist and the fee for the certification in a specialty shall be fixed at an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued, except that, with respect to certificates that will expire less than one year after issuance, the fee shall be fixed at an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued. The board may, by appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of the initial certificate fee where the certificate is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.

(c) The duplicate certificate fee at not more than six dollars (\$6).

(d) The temporary registration fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist at not more than eighty dollars (\$80).

(e) The renewal fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist shall be fixed by the board at not more than four hundred dollars (\$400).

(f) The renewal fee for a specialty geologist or for a specialty geophysicist at not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

(g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee for a certificate is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date.

(h) Each applicant for registration as a geologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board to administer the examination described in subdivision (d) of Section 7841 that shall not exceed four hundred fifty dollars (\$450).

(i) Each applicant for registration as a geophysicist or certification as an engineering geologist or certification as a hydrogeologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board for the development and maintenance of the written examination, and shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).